



# Cleveland Shetland Sheepdog Club

## SPOTLIGHT

June, 2017   
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**MEETINGS ARE HELD** on the second Tuesday of every month (unless the dates of the Crown Classic necessitate a change). The regular meetings begin promptly at 7 o'clock p.m. and are open to anyone with an interest in all things concerning Shelties.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, June 13 , 2017** 

**Awards Banquet – at the Brown Derby Restaurant**

**@CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB  
210 Hayes Drive, Brooklyn Heights, OH 44131  
(if you need directions, contact Barb Kaplan)**



June refreshments will be provided by  
CSSC - Awards Banquet

**Coming Events for 2017 (Mark your calendars):**

*Herding Trials - Hado Bar*

*Awards Banquet*

*Agility Trials*

*Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members*

*CSSC Specialties*



*June 9, 10 and 11*

*June 13*

*September 8, 9 and 10*

*October 10*

*December 9 and 10*

**The Stupidest Question Someone Could Possibly Ask a Farmer**

A shepherd was herding his flock in a remote pasture when suddenly a brand-new BMW advanced out of the dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a Brioni suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leaned out the window and asked the shepherd, "If I tell you exactly how many sheep you have in your flock, will you give me one?"

The shepherd looked at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looked at his peacefully grazing flock and calmly answered, "Sure."

The yuppie parked his car, whipped out his notebook and connected it to a cell phone, then he surfed to a NASA page on the internet where he called up a GPS satellite navigation system, scanned the area, and then opened up a database and an Excel spreadsheet with complex formulas. He sent an email on his Blackberry and, after a few minutes, received a response. Finally, he prints out a 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized printer then turns to the shepherd and says, "You have exactly 1586 sheep."

"That is correct; take one of the sheep," said the shepherd. He watches the young man select one of the animals and bundle it into his car.

Then the shepherd said, "If I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my sheep?"

"OK, why not?" answered the young man.

"Clearly, you are a management consultant," said the shepherd.

"That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the shepherd. "You turned up here although nobody called you. You want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked, and you don't know crap about my business. Now give me back my sheep."

# CLEVELAND SHETLAND SHEEPDOG CLUB GENERAL MEETING

Notes from the meeting which took place May 9, 2017



**President's Report** – President Barb called the meeting to order at 7:06. Betty interrupted the proceedings to announce that today is BARB'S BIRTHDAY!! Birthday greetings were given by all! Many more, Barb! Members present tonight were Sue Moreland, Diane Walker, Betty Hitzler, Donna Waldorf, Cheryl Sacerich, Chris Cammarn, Mary Thrall, Kristie Mariner, Steve Mariner, Laura Chegan, Barb Schmauder and John Bush. Our guest this evening was Margaret Coats – welcome; it's great to see you again!

**Recording Secretary's Report** – Mary moved and Diane seconded that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as they were published in the newsletter. Motion carried. At this point it was noted for the minutes that condolences must be sent to John Bush in the loss of his 13-year-old granddaughter Sarah, who passed away from leukemia. The general opinion was that a donation will be sent to the Leukemia Society in her name. Our hearts are heavy with this loss . . . .

**Report of the Board** – N/A

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:**  
*Correspondence sent/received via e-mail –N/A*

**Report of the Treasurer:** As always, a complete financial report will be made available to any member upon request. No report was made, as our treasurer was not present this evening.

### **Reports of the Committees:**

**Agility** – Cheryl reported a highly successful trial with no problems. Friday was the biggest day, and the show was “up” over last year.

**Herding** – WORKERS ARE NEEDED! Cheryl has a sign-up sheet, so PLEASE let her know if you are willing to volunteer your time. It was decided that we will get a rental car for the use of the judge from California, Kirsten Cole-MacMurray. **ACTION: Sue** Entries close in 8 days from this meeting. We have a wait list except for Sunday. REMINDER: our trial is June 9, 10 and 11.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Awards Banquet** -- Will be held on June 13 at the Brown Derby Middleburg Heights, 6 p.m. arrival time

**Calendars** –Sue will call Rhadine tomorrow and make sure our calendar order gets sent in on time.

### **New Business:**

Shelties Online has the results from the ASSA National including Performance.

**BRAGS:**     **From Barb K** – Rory got Performance Agility Dog Championship in USDAA (PDCH)

**From Barb S** – Lacey got HIT overall at ASCA Trial. Sophie is better after her mouth injury, but it will still take time.

**From Cheryl** – won a BIG GIGANTIC rosette for reserve HIT at the National, also silver platters!



**Barb S moved and Mary seconded that the meeting be adjourned, 7:45 p.m. Following the meeting, Cheryl presented a program on how to make dog toys and unfortunately most of us demonstrated the “all thumbs” approach. Sorry, Cheryl!**

## Advice from the Breeder: Tom Coen, Macdega Shetland Sheepdogs

AKC Staff | October 07, 2015

My advice to others over the years has always been to **look to the dams of the stud dogs**. Tail-male charts are interesting, but they leave out a very important element of the story: the bitch.

It is the bitch who provides the complement to the sire and determines the distinction among his offspring, both in quality and producing ability.

Breeding dogs is a creative process that combines the eye of the artist with the laws of nature. Add to that a large measure of common sense. Breeding dogs is a process of building generation after generation, of constantly gaining in one area and losing in another. The breeder is like a juggler trying to keep the pins for correct type, stable temperament, and good health in the air at the same time.

The bitch is the building block utilized in the process of creative breeding. When selecting a foundation bitch or planning a breeding, there is one principal that I have witnessed as law: *What ye sow, ye shall reap*. If you don't want something to show up, don't start with it or add it to the gene pool. Recessive problems will slip by due to lack of information, but to knowingly add a serious problem to your program shows no common sense. You may try to close your eyes to something, but Mother Nature will provide a wake-up call somewhere up the road.

### Healthy Litters, Naturally

When evaluating a bitch for breeding, there are key areas to consider: health, temperament, physical quality (phenotype), and pedigree (genotype).

The ideal bitch should be an easy keeper and a good doer. A hearty appetite that keeps her in good flesh with no coaxing is of great importance. A bitch who won't eat, especially when she has a new litter of puppies depending on her, is not well suited to motherhood and can make your life miserable. Avoid bitches from families who require medication and supplementation to maintain their condition and fertility. The goal is to produce good-sized, healthy litters to provide selection within a creative breeding program and to keep the process as natural as possible.

We are living in a time when veterinary medicine has become quite sophisticated in the area of reproduction. Thyroid medication and hormone therapy make it possible for bitches that would not ordinarily come in season to do so and produce litters. There are tests to monitor silent or irregular seasons so that ovulation can be pinpointed and problem bitches can conceive and produce offspring. Although it is impressive that we can overcome Mother Nature and produce litters out of such bitches, I question the benefit in the long run.



### In a Perfect World

Ideally, the bitch should be as free a possible from hereditary defects. To be genetically free of hereditary defects is not a possibility, but it is in this area that common sense must be employed. Don't breed bad eye checks, entropion, testicle problems, bad hips or other such problems unless you are willing to deal with more of the same. I repeat: *What ye sow, ye shall reap*.

The ideal bitch possesses a stable, sensible temperament with intelligence and trainability. The bitch is the role model for the puppies and in the area of temperament accounts for more than her genetic 50 percent. There is no excuse or place in the breeding program for a shy, flighty, or nervous bitch.

When selecting for physical quality in a bitch, it is important to keep in mind which qualities are most difficult to achieve and maintain. The purchase of a foundation bitch requires extensive study, followed by careful thought and selection. This, by the way, is not the time to become frugal. Go for the very best bitch you can find as she can save you years of disappointment, frustration, and time.

Head qualities are of great importance in the brood bitch. All will have some deficiencies, but the degree of fault is what must be considered. It is extremely difficult to correct severe lack of skull, snipey muzzle, depth of head, lippiness and certain bite problems. While on the subject of bites, be wary of a narrow underjaw, missing premolars, and inverted molars. The virtue of flat frontal bone, clean sides to the skull, tight lip line, and roundness of muzzle will definitely increase your chances of producing exceptional quality. The greater the degree of virtue your bitch possesses, the better your chances of producing a great one.

## **Selection, Study, Judgment**

It is almost impossible to radically change body type and structure in only a few generations. Therefore, it is necessary to select and maintain bitches that approach your mental picture of the ideal as described by the breed standard.

Correct body type is a matter of the proportion and angles of the skeletal structure. While abundant coat is a real plus in a breeding program and can enhance a good outline, it is still only the icing on the cake. It is what is under the coat that is important, i.e., arch of neck, a strong back, well-laid-back shoulders, long stifle, good definition of the hock joint and sloping croup. These are the qualities that your ideal bitch would possess—and these are the qualities that create the picture of correct type, standing and in motion. It is these same qualities that make certain individuals stand out in the huge classes.

Since soundness and elegance are priorities in our program, we continually select for the curvaceous and sweeping body-lines with deep angulation and more neck. Just as the head naturally reverts to commonness so does the body and outline.

Unless you have had firsthand experience with dogs in a pedigree, the document is of little more value than a list of names. With study, a pedigree becomes a valuable tool for creating and predicting quality. Nowhere on the pedigree does it tell which dogs were strong producers or which were producers of problems that still haunt us.

The title "champion" means very little when evaluating producing ability. It is our responsibility to study and research individuals and family lines and to choose the ones whose "look" appeals to you and whose shortcomings you can abide. The qualities that a bitch possesses should reflect the qualities of her ancestors. She should be the physical demonstration of the strength of her pedigree. Bitches who are the exception for a family rather than the rule cannot be counted on for predictability.

It is impossible to place a value on a bitch of extreme virtue and strength of a pedigree without taking into account breeder judgment. When utilized in a creative manner by an astute breeder, however, it would be fair to say her value is nothing less than the future of the breed. —**T.C.**



*Tom and Nioma Coen, of Alford, Massachusetts, breed Shetland Sheepdogs under the Macdega banner. They were the 2004 AKC Breeder of the Year Herding Group honorees. Mr. Coen judged the Herding Group at December's AKC/Eukanuba National Championship, 2015*

# The Dog Flu Symptoms You Need to Know

Anna Burke | November 07, 2016



The dog flu has been in the media recently, thanks to increased reports of outbreaks and new strains. While most cases of dog flu are not fatal, the canine influenza virus can make your dog uncomfortably sick, causing him—and you—a lot of stress and time spent at the vet's office. If you are a dog owner, you don't need to panic about the dog flu. You should, however, familiarize yourself with the symptoms of dog flu so that you know what to look for in the event of an outbreak in your area.

## What Is the Dog Flu?

The dog flu, or canine influenza virus, is an infectious respiratory disease caused by an influenza A virus, similar to the viral strains that cause influenza in people. There are two known strains of dog flu found in the United States:

- H3N8
- H3N2

The H3N8 strain actually originated in horses. The virus jumped from horses to dogs to become a canine influenza virus around 2004, when the first outbreaks affected racing Greyhounds at a track in Florida, and the virus is now found in 40 states in the U.S.

H3N2, on the other hand, originated in Asia, where scientists believe it jumped from birds to dogs. H3N2 is the virus responsible for the 2015 and 2016 outbreaks of canine influenza in the Midwest and continues to spread throughout the United States.

## How Is Canine Influenza Spread?

Like human forms of influenza, dog flu is airborne. Respiratory secretions escape into the environment in the form of coughing, barking, and sneezing, where they are then inhaled by a new canine host. The dog flu also spreads through contaminated objects and environments, like water bowls, collars, and kennel surfaces, or through contact with people who have had direct contact with an infected dog.



Crowded areas like kennels and dog parks are breeding grounds for diseases like canine influenza. The close proximity of the dogs means that a barking, coughing, or sneezing dog can easily infect the dogs around him. This is made more dangerous by the fact that dogs are most contagious during the incubation period before they start exhibiting symptoms.

## How Long Are Dogs Infected With Dog Flu Contagious?

The incubation period of canine influenza is approximately two-to-four days from initial exposure to the dog flu virus. Viral shedding starts to decrease after the fourth day, but dogs with H3N8 remain contagious up to 10 days after exposure, and dogs with H3N2 remain contagious for up to 26 days. Most vets recommend isolating dogs with H3N2 for at least 21 days to reduce the risk of transmission.

Almost all dogs that come into contact with the disease will contract it, but not all dogs that become infected show symptoms of the virus. About 20-25 percent of dogs infected are asymptomatic, but these dogs can still spread the disease. If one of your dogs catches the dog flu and the other seems unaffected, remember that he could still have the virus. Talk to your vet about quarantine procedures for all of the dogs in your household.

### **Symptoms of Dog Flu**

So how do you know if your dog has the dog flu? There are several symptoms of dog flu that all owners should be aware of. Dog flu cases range from mild to severe and, unlike human influenzas, are not seasonal. Keep an eye out for the following symptoms year-round:

- Coughing (both moist and dry)
- Sneezing
- Nasal discharge
- Purulent nasal discharge
- Runny eyes
- Fever
- Lethargy
- Difficulty breathing

Dog flu symptoms resemble kennel cough symptoms, which is also an illness that you should talk to your veterinarian about as soon as you notice symptoms.



Most cases of dog flu are mild, but severe cases do occur. In these cases, dogs develop pneumonia, difficulty breathing, and a high fever. Luckily, the mortality rate of dog flu is relatively low, with less than 10 percent of dog flu cases resulting in fatalities.

This does not mean that you should refrain from taking your dog to the vet, as secondary infections can develop as a result of the virus. And as anyone who has had the flu can attest, the experience is singularly unpleasant, and your veterinarian can help you keep your dog comfortable during the recovery process.

### **Treating Dog Flu**

The canine influenza virus requires the attention of a veterinarian. In some states, vets are required to report cases of canine influenza to the government to help monitor the spread of the disease. Since the canine influenza is still a relatively new virus, you will actually be assisting your veterinarian, as well as your dog, by bringing your sick dog in for a visit. This will help veterinarians study and monitor the disease as it evolves.

There is no cure for dog flu. Treatment is supportive, and your veterinarian can advise you on the best ways to keep your dog comfortable during his illness and recovery. Some dogs may require fluids to aid their recovery, as well as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications to reduce their fevers. Your vet will help you come up with a nutritional plan and may prescribe antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections.



Your vet will also inform you about appropriate quarantine procedures to prevent the spread of dog flu, depending on the strain of the virus your dog contracts, and can give you information about disinfectant solutions to use in your home to help kill the virus.

Call your vet ahead of time to let her know that your dog is showing symptoms of a respiratory infection. Both kennel cough and dog flu are highly contagious, and your vet may request that you keep your dog in the car (with someone keeping the car running to prevent overheating, of course) until your appointment time to prevent the risk of transmission to other patients in the waiting room.

### **Preventing Dog Flu**

The best way to prevent your dog from contracting the dog flu is to keep him away from public places or kennels with recently reported cases of dog flu. If you come into contact with a dog that you suspect has dog flu or has recently been exposed to the dog flu, wash your hands, arms, and clothing before touching your own dog. This will reduce the risk of transmission from you to your dog.

There are vaccines available for both the H3N8 and H3N2 strains of canine influenza. Your vet may recommend the vaccine based on your lifestyle. For instance, if you live in an area with a high incidence of dog flu or if your dog regularly spends time in kennels or travels to shows around the country, then your dog could be at an increased risk of contracting canine influenza and your vet may recommend the vaccine as a precaution.

It is up to us to keep our dogs safe and our dog-friendly community venues free from contagious diseases. The more dog owners who are aware of the symptoms of dog flu, the better the chances are of veterinarians identifying another outbreak before it gets out of control.

**Note: The information provided here is not meant as a substitute for veterinary care**

#### **The Talking Dog**

A guy has a talking dog. He brings it to a talent scout.

"This dog can speak English," he claims to the unimpressed agent.

"Okay, Sport," the guy says to the dog, "what's on the top of a house?" "Roof!" the dog replies.

"Oh, come on..." the talent agent responds. "All dogs say 'roof'."

"No, wait," the guy says. He asks the dog "what does sandpaper feel like?"

"Rough!" the dog answers.

The talent agent gives a condescending blank stare. He is losing his patience.

"No, hang on," the guy says. "This one will amaze you! "

He asks the dog: "Who, in your opinion, was the greatest baseball player of all time?"

"Ruth!" says the dog. And the talent scout, having seen enough, boots them out of his office onto the street.

And the dog turns to the guy and says "Maybe I shoulda said DiMaggio?"

# WORKERS NEEDED!!!

Workers are still needed for our annual Herding Trials to be held at Hado-Bar Farms on June 9, 10 and 11. There are some jobs that don't require previous experience, such as running the judges' sheets up to Barb or timing the runs. If you can spare some time, please call Cheryl right away and volunteer – we are in need of your help.

Call Cheryl: 216-538-4728



## AKC NEWS AND VIEWS



### **MATCH IN A MALL** Held by Abilene Kennel Club

A Conformation dog show...in a mall?! Who's ever heard of such a thing? We hadn't until we learned about "Match in the Mall" held by the Abilene Kennel Club in Abilene, Texas.

The club held this small "match" to bring the wonder and excitement of the sport of purebred dogs to the public, and of course, to have some fun with dogs and friends.

The competition took place on Saturday, May 20th, with 19 "regular" match entries and eight champions for exhibition in Conformation and two Novice, five Beginner Novice, and 10 Rally Novice in Obedience.

Participants came from all over the state, including some from Ft. Worth (150 miles away), Midland (150 miles away), and Lubbock (170 miles away). Distance can't come between the love and pride we have in showing and participating in sports with our dogs!

Seven of the individuals competing in the Conformation exhibition had never shown a dog, compared with five in Obedience.

While the event went on throughout the day, spectators came to watch the competition and enquire about handling classes and kennel club membership.



# *Happy Flag Day!*